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I am pleased to announce the **Annual Congressional Art Competition**. Each year, Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join together to recognize the creativity of high school students through a nationwide art competition. Hundreds of competitions are being held around the country this spring with the grand winner's piece of art from each traveling to Washington, D.C. where it will be displayed in the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. The grand winner from our district may also be eligible for a scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

I hope you will offer your students who reside in New Jersey's 12th Congressional District the opportunity to enter the competition. Each art teacher has the opportunity to submit one framed piece of art from four of his/her students. (To clarify: Four student pieces are permitted per teacher). **The show will hang at Novo Nordisk during our awards ceremony and reception, Friday, April 25 from 6pm-8pm. Novo Nordisk is located at 100 College Rd W, Princeton, NJ 08540.** There will be a panel of judges to evaluate the artwork within the categories of painting, drawing, collage, print, mixed media, computer-generated art, and photography.

Please see the enclosed list of towns in the 12th district to verify your student's eligibility. Eligible students may submit artwork already completed for school, college applications, or other competitions. To participate, please fax or email a copy of the **School Participation Form** to my office by **Wednesday, March 26, 2014**. In addition, each participating student should submit his/her **Student Release Form** by **Friday, April 11, 2014**.

Please fax or email all forms to my New Jersey Office: fax (609) 750-0618 or email stephanie.hulette@mail.house.gov. If you or your students have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (609) 750-9365 and ask to speak with Stephanie Hulette.

Your student's artwork must be delivered to one of the locations with dates listed on the enclosed sheet. This mailing contains the following enclosures:

- **2014 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines**
- **List of Towns in 12th Congressional District of New Jersey**
- **School Participation – Form (Due Wednesday, March 26, 2014)**
- **Individual Student Release – Form (Due Friday, April 11, 2014)**
- **Dates and locations for Art drop-off**

I look forward to seeing your students' art work displayed in the 2014 Art Competition. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT
Member of Congress

2014 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
 - All artwork must be framed
 - Each framed piece may be no larger than 28" high x 28" wide x 4" deep (including the frame).
 - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
 - Artwork must be two-dimensional
 - It must be able to hang with an attached wire.
 - Artwork cannot weigh more than **15 lbs.**
 - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- Artwork of the Grand Winner will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. The artwork of the second and third place winners will hang in Rep. Holt's offices in Washington, DC and West Windsor, NJ for the **entire year**. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
 - **Painting:** oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - **Drawing:** pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - **Collage:** must be two dimensional
 - **Print:** lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - **Mixed Media:** use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor etc.
 - **Computer-generated art**
 - **Photography**
- A copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. A copy must also be faxed or emailed to the office by Friday, April 11, 2014
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2014 Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Municipalities in the 12th Congressional District

MERCER COUNTY

**East Windsor
Ewing
Hightstown
Hopewell Borough
Hopewell Township
Lawrence
Pennington
Princeton
Trenton
West Windsor**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

**Cranbury
East Brunswick
Helmetta
Jamesburg
Middlesex
Milltown
Monroe
North Brunswick
Old Bridge (part)
Plainsboro
South Brunswick
South River
Spotswood**

SOMERSET COUNTY

**Bound Brook
Franklin
Manville
South Bound Brook**

UNION COUNTY

**Fanwood
Plainfield
Scotch Plains (part)**

***If you are not sure a student is in Representative Holt's district visit www.house.gov
Or call Representative Holt's district office at 609-750-9365.

School Participation Information
Representative Rush Holt Congressional Art Competition
Return by Wednesday, March 26, 2014

ART TEACHER _____

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE & EXT _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

STUDENT 1: Name _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

STUDENT 2: Name _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

STUDENT 3: Name _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

STUDENT 4: Name _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

Return this form via Fax (609) 750-0618 or Email stephanie.hulette@mail.house.gov

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Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION

MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:

STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME:

GRADE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

STUDENT EMAIL:

T-SHIRT SIZE:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):

PARENT PHONE:

PARENT WORK PHONE:

SCHOOL

SCHOOL NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

ART TEACHER NAME:

ART TEACHER PHONE:

ART TEACHER EMAIL:

ART COMPETITION ENTRY

TITLE OF ENTRY:

MEDIUM:

DESCRIPTION:

Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.

FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches

See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

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STUDENT NAME:

STATE:

TITLE OF ENTRY:

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE

We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in *An Artistic Discovery* (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)

I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.

MEMBER SIGNATURE

PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME

PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME

Congressman Rush Holt's 2014 Congressional Art Competition Drop off Dates and Locations

April 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>14</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>-East Brunswick Municipal Building conference room 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, East Brunswick, NJ (3-5pm)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>-Middlesex Recreation Center 1400 Mountain Avenue Middlesex, NJ 08846 (2:30pm-4:30pm)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>-Rep. Holt District Office 50 Washington Rd, West Windsor, NJ (9am-6pm)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ART RECEPTION!! Novo Nordisk 100 College Rd W, Princeton, NJ 08540 (6pm-8pm)</p>